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SUBJECT:NON-ALIGNED MEETING ON INFORMATION IN TUNIS,
FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 1

REF: STATE 42806, TUNIS 1497

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING WITH MAHMOUD TRIKI, DIRECTOR TUNISIAN NEWS AGENCY (TAP), ON MARCH 16. TRIKI CALLED MEETING A GREAT SUCCESS FOR TUNISIA IN THAT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL ON INFORMATION HAS RECOGNIZED GOT'S PIONEERING WORK IN FIELD OF "THIRD WORLD INFORMATION POLICY" AND HAS RETURNED PRESIDENCY OF INFORMATION GROUP TO TUNISIA. TRIKI NOTED THAT GOT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO "DIFFICULT MEETINGS" OVER PAST YEAR IN WHICH ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE WAS CONTESTED, PRINCIPALLY BY INDIA AND CUBA.

2. IN GENERAL TERMS, TRIKI CHARACTERIZED FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1 MEETING AS POSITIVE AND BENEFICIAL. DELEGATIONS GAVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, HE CLAIMED, AND DIVISIVE POLITICAL ISSUES DID NOT DISTRACT ATTENTION OF PARTICIPANTS. TRIKI NOTED IN PARTICULAR THE MODERATION DISPLAYED BY CUBAN DELEGATION.

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3. TRIKI ALSO DISCUSSED UP-COMING MEETING OF ARAB AND AFRICAN PRESS AGENCIES TO BE HELD IN TRIPOLI AT END OF MARCH. HE SAID THAT AFTER THE EFFORTS OF LIBYAN LEADER COL. QADHAFI TO DISCOURAGE CHIEDF OF STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE CAIRO AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT, MANY INVITEES ARE RELUCTANT TO ATTEND THE TRIPOLI PRESS AGENCY MEETING. TRIKI SAID THAT SIMILAR MEETING IN TUNIS (FEBRUARY 1975)

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HAD BROUGHT 48 PRESS AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES HERE. HE HAS SOUGHT LIST OF EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS FROM LIBYAN AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO JUDGE IF HE WILL ATTEND.
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